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Danny Strengthens to Hurricane in the Atlantic

BATON ROUGE (August 20, 2014) – Danny has become the 1st hurricane of 2015. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is closely monitoring the system which has winds near 75 miles per hour. Forecasters say additional strengthening is likely during the next two days.

The storm does not currently pose a threat to Louisiana or the gulf coast. The National Hurricane Center (NHC) indicates the storm is located over the central tropical Atlantic about a thousand miles east of the Lesser Antilles.

It will take several days to determine if Hurricane Danny will impact the state. As a precaution, state agencies that make up the Unified Command Group (UCG) are reviewing emergency response procedures and checking resources possibly needed for a tropical weather event.

"We have been fortunate to experience a slow hurricane season, so far, this year," says GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis. "Danny should serve as a reminder that we are now in the heart of hurricane season. Use this time to check your stock of essential items such as water, flashlights and batteries. Also, review your emergency plans for your family, your business and your pets."

You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new ALERT FM App. It is free for basic service. You can also download the new Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other important information at www.getagameplan.org. The Get a Game Plan App is also available for download to your smart phones or tablets.

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